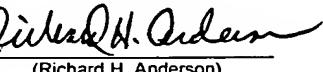


I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: June 21, 2006

Signature:

  
(Richard H. Anderson)

Docket No.: 28570/10087  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
James T. Olsta et al.

Application No.: 10/718,128

Confirmation No.: 9107

Filed: November 19, 2003

Art Unit: 1723

For: CONTAMINANT-REACTIVE  
GEOCOMPOSITE MAT AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURE AND USE

Examiner: K. S. Menon

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.